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GOVERNMENT AWAITS FACTS ON HIS DEATH

A full-scale inquiry into the death of ~~Robert E. Stevens~~, ~~Central Intelligence Agency man~~ attached to the American Consul General's office in Singapore, has been ordered, Cong. Torbert H. Macdonald informed the News this noon from Washington.

Mr. Stevens, who had been a member of the intelligence agency less than a year, was reported killed as the result of a fall Sunday morning.

It was learned last evening that the remains of the veteran of two wars are being flown back to Malden by commercial airliners and will arrive at Logan International Airport sometime Sunday. The remains are due in San Francisco Saturday.

Cong. Macdonald, who has been pressing the State Department for details of the mysterious death of his former neighbor, telephoned the News today with the information that the inquest is to be held. Witnesses are now being rounded up for questioning, "but the whole picture is, so far, sketchy," the congressman said.

Cong. Macdonald was in Singapore last October on his visit to the Far East and reported on his return, and several other times since, that the island is a "hot spot" for Chinese Communists and that they are forcing concessions all the time from the British. Intrigue on an international scale runs deep there.

Singapore, principal city on the island which lies off the Malayan Peninsula, is a British Crown Colony. Malaya, also a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, is to be granted complete independence next year.

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State Department will keep him informed of further developments in the inquest, Cong. Macdonald reported.

The remains of the deceased will arrive in San Francisco tomorrow and be transferred to another plane to be brought to Boston. Funeral services will be held Wednesday morning with a high mass of requiem at the Immaculate Conception Church at 10 o'clock. Visiting hours will be held at his late residence, 11 Gale street.

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